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SUBJECT: ECA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HABITAT

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1. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA'S REGIONAL PREPARATORY
CONFERENCE FOR UN HABITAT CONFERENCE OPENED JUNE 21 WITH DELEGATES
FROM 22 NATIONS IN ATTENDANCE. CANADIANS AS HOST FOR VANCOUVER
CONFERENCE ALSO HAD THREE MAN DELEGATION PRESENT AND MADE A SPECIAL
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PRESENTATION ON OPENING DAY. OTHERS OBSERVERS INCLUDED UK,

US AND MALAGASY REPUBLIC. WIDE SEGMENT ON UN AGENCIES AND
NGO'S ALSO PRESENT AS OBSERVERS.

2. FIRST TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCE LIMITED TO OPENING
STATEMENTS BY IBRAHIM NAGUIB, EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF TOURISM
(CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE), SECREATARY GENERAL OF HABITAT
ENRIQUE PENALOSA; MAMADOU AW, DEPUTY EXSEC OF ECA,
PRESENTATIONS OF EXPERTS AND DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR ISSUES.
LATTER INCLUDED ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT POLICIES AT
NATIONAL REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS AND MANAGEMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES THROUGH, INTER ALIA, DEVELOPMENT
OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

3. THERE WAS NO INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES, I.E.
"INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION", DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCE
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO QUESTION IN ANYONE'S MIND THAT AFTER TEHERAN
DEBACLE SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED BEFORE CONFERENCE IS OVER. USDEL
CONTACTED HEAD OF CANADIAN DEL JOHN DOUGAN AT EARLY STAGE TO
DISCUSS TEHRAN CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN CAIRO WITH
HIM. DOUGAN SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH PENALOSA TO EXPRESS CONCERN
THAT INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION ISSUED COULD BE VERY TROUBLESOME FOR
CANADIANS IN RELATION TO THEIR BEING VANCOUVER CONFERENCE
HOSTS. POINT WAS MADE THAT CANADIAN SECRETARY FOR URBAN
AFFAIRS WHO WILL BE HEADING DELEGATION TO CARACAS IS HIMSELF
JEWISH AND HABITAT CONFERENCE AND ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
ARE READILY OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, IF NOT MATTER OF
CONTROVERSY, IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

4. DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR PREPARATION OF RESOLUTIONS HAS BEEN
APPOINTED CONSISTING OF "VOLUNTEERS", WITH ALGERIANS MANEUVERING
PROMPTLY TO ASSUME POSITION OF HEAD OF COMMITTEE.

5. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS ARE IN PLENARY SESSIONS, WITH CONFERENCE
OFFICERS CONCERNED AS A CONSEQUENCE TO KEEP PRESENTATIONS
SHORT SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR DELEGATES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.
OBSERVERS ARE RELEGATED TO REAR OF HALL AND IT OBVIOUS THAT THEY
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES ARE EXPECTED TO BE OBSERVERS ONLY.
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